



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SYRINGOMYELIA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: First discovered in 1803, Syringomyelia, also known as SM, is a chronic spinal and neurological progressive disease of the spinal cord. There are two major types of SM: Chiari Malformation which occurs during fetal development and trauma in which symptoms can occur many years later; and
- WHEREAS: Syringomyelia occurs when fluid found outside the spinal cord and brain enters the interior spinal cord forming a cavity known as syrinx. Over time, this disorder can cause damage to the spinal cord, neurological issues, severe pain, and serious disabling symptoms; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of men, women, and children throughout the nation have suffered the widespread physical symptoms associated with Syringomyelia; and
- WHEREAS: There is currently only limited treatment and no cure for patients with this disease as well as a lack of knowledge in the general public and medical community; and
- WHEREAS: It is imperative that we increase awareness of this disease in order to improve the quality of life for all those who struggle with this debilitating disorder; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2016, as SYRINGOMYELIA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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